

Remarks

In the Decision on Appeal, the Board reversed the rejection of claims 22-32, 59 and 66-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Manning (U.S. 5,610,864) and the rejection of claims 22-32, 59, 63, and 66-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Manning ('864) in view of Manning (U.S. 5,729,503). The rejections of claim 61 with respect to anticipation and obviousness were upheld. However, claim 61 has been canceled and this rejection is therefore moot. Claim 63 has been amended to correct an informality, as noted by the Board in the Decision on Appeal, and not for reasons related to patentability.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (210) 308-5677 to facilitate prosecution of this Application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

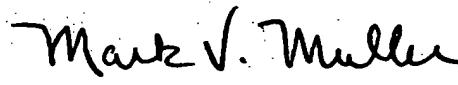
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